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For submissions to the
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ST. PETER'S MISSION STATEMENT

Centered in Christ and empowered by
God's Spirit, we love, grow and serve.

Our core values:

Christ-centered
Open-minded
Caring
Welcoming
Generous

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Affirmation of Welcome

Welcome to new visitors and old friends.

We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation and strive to welcome people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socioeconomic status, marital status, ability and challenge.

Welcome to believers and questioners, and to questioning believers. Welcome to all who seek Christ's love and grace.

This is a place where you are welcome to rejoice and lament, seek healing and offer service. Welcome in the name of Jesus.

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Transition Happenings

We are pleased to report that our Intentional Interim Minister, Sandi D'Amico, will be joining us officially on October 2, and she will be here on site on October 3 and other days that week. Her first day of presiding and preaching will be October 8, and every Sunday following for the foreseeable future. She will be here at St Peter's on Sundays, Tuesdays, and other days to be determined, working from her home in Rhode Island part of the time. The Congregation Council is in the process of reviewing the terms of a Covenant to be signed by both the Church and the Pastor, which will lay out our mutual expectations.

The council is committed to keeping the congregation fully informed as events or changes are anticipated. Please feel free to contact council members with questions or suggestions as we move into this new territory.

Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life. " Philippians 4:6,7
The Message

Submitted by Juliet Bongfelt
President of St. Peter's Council

United with Christ, Full of Tenderness and Compassion

United with Christ, sharing in the Spirit,
one in mind: full of tenderness and compassion.



Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. Philippians 2:1-4

During October we will explore this dual message of unity with Christ, and compassion for other people during worship for four weeks highlighting how the people of St. Peter's accomplish our missions and support our congregation. You will receive a pledge packet to return in the mail in mid-October.

Thank you for your consideration and generosity,
The Stewardship Team, Peg Flood, Chris Janson, Russ Olson, & Alice Vaughan

Something New Awaits Us: Liminal Space

MJ Pattison guided us into transitioning into our new journey in our life together as we prepare for the arrival of our Interim Pastor early in October. On September 26, Father Richard Rohr spoke to this further with a meditation on "Liminal Space," and thus I enclose some excerpts from his reflections. Father Rohr describes how both life and religion can invite us into liminal sacred space.

"We keep praying that our illusions will fall away. God erodes them from many sides, hoping they will fall. But we often remain trapped in what we call normalcy – "the way things are." Life then revolves around problem-solving, fixing, explaining, and taking sides with winners and losers. It can be a pretty circular and even nonsensical existence.

To get out of this repetitive cycle, we have to allow ourselves to be drawn into sacred space, into liminality. All transformation takes place here. There alone is our old world left behind, though we're not yet sure of the new existence. That's a good space where genuine newness can begin. We must get there often and stay as long as we can by whatever means possible. It's the realm where God can best get at us because our false certitudes are finally out of the way. This is the sacred space where the old world is able to fall apart, and a bigger world is revealed. If we don't encounter liminal space in our lives, we start idealizing normalcy. The threshold is God's waiting room. Here we are taught openness and patience as we come to expect an appointment with the Divine Doctor." (Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation from the Center for Action and Contemplation).

Our old world has been left behind as we are in a time of transformation. May God be with us and guide our conversations as we enter into this sacred space where change can take place and our new world revealed in "God's waiting room."

Our congregation has changed a lot as we have experienced three years of Covid, and we will be changing more as the year ahead unfolds.

May God bless and guide us,

Nancy Hallberg-Emerson

An active member of St. Peter's for the past 23 years

The Pastors' Farewell Dinner

September 15, 2023



Attic Treasures at the Cranberry Fair



We will be having Attic Treasures again this year at the Cranberry Fair on Saturday November 18. Did you know that in recent years, Attic Treasures have earned more than \$1,000 to give to homeless and at-risk kids in the local schools? Do you want to help? Contact Trish Crocker, Peg Flood, Marguerite Heffernan or Diane Stauss. Not only do we need your donations, but we need help setting up before and after the Fair.

Donations can be brought to the church starting Sunday, November 12 after worship through noon on Wednesday, November 15. Items may be left in one of the two identified basement classrooms. Look for signs when you deliver donations. The Cape Cod Christian Academy who uses the basement classrooms has graciously loaned some of them back to us for the week of the Fair. We will have limited time and space to collect donations so please be discriminating in what you donate and notice the restricted times you can drop off items. We have no storage space to accept donations except for the two designated rooms during these times. See below for acceptable donations.

What donations we accept for the Fair:

- Usable, attractive, and salable household goods
- Children's toys and storybooks

What we cannot accept:

- No computers, TVs, small appliances, or other electronics
- No clothing
- No books (except for children's storybooks)
- No children's equipment such as strollers, cribs or high chairs
- No large or heavy furniture and no desks
- Nothing it takes 2 people to carry
- No lamps that do not work or need rewiring
- No single dishes, glasses, or silverware
- No "advertising" mugs
- No florist glass vases
- Nothing broken or soiled
- Nothing after November 15. Our volunteers need time to sort and price.

Nothing you would not buy, assuming you needed it.

Hope to see you at the Cranberry Fair! Saturday, November 18 from 9 am to 2 pm

CRANBERRY FAIR 2023

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, NOVEMBER 18 from 9 am to 2 pm



We will be offering cookies, pies, specialty foods, lunch to go, gift items, knitted items and of course our popular Jewelry Junction and Attic Treasures.

**All proceeds benefit homeless and at-risk children
right here in our neighborhoods.**

2023 Offering

Thank you to everyone for your generous offerings to-date to St. Peter's. As you continue with your giving, please note that December 31, 2023 is the ending date for recording 2023 offerings. Any offerings received after that date will be entered as 2024 giving.

Submitted by Lois Thomas

Financial Status July 31, 2023

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>Over/Under Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Income	\$35,049.75	\$33,514.42	\$250,703.42	\$226,253.42	\$24,450.00	\$369,014.00
Expense	\$27,119.23	\$36,585.85	\$234,107.38	\$253,649.80	-\$19,542.42	\$420,759.00
Net Income	\$ 7,930.52	-\$ 2,071.42	\$16,596.04	- \$ 27,396.37	\$43,992.41	- \$ 51,745.00

We were ahead of the July 2023 year-to-date budget with a balance of \$16,596.04.

Financial Status August 31, 2023

The profit and loss Financial Statement for August has not been submitted to council; however, our year-to-date balance continued to increase. We have 95 Estimates of Giving for 2023 for a total of \$281,251 towards a goal of \$280,000. Pledged amounts through August should be \$187,500.66 vs. the amount received of \$202,531.28 which puts us ahead by \$15,030.62. Non-pledge amounts through August are estimated at \$23,333.33, and we have received \$16,805.00. We are behind by -\$6,528.33 in non-pledge giving. So, our net year-to-date envelope giving is ahead by \$8,502.29.

St. Peter's Pipes for Praise Update: Fundraising has received gifts as of August of \$269,270.95 and the reserve from the General Fund has been reduced to \$80,729.05. The available General Fund after the organ project reserve and the projected budget deficit is \$258,021.63. The Designated Reserve Fund balance is \$50,476.15.

Russ Olson, St. Peter's Treasurer



Our 9:30 am Sunday in-person worship
is live streamed on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/StPetersLutheranChurchHarwich>

Second Service to Continue Once a Month

Our second service on Sunday at 11:15 am will continue on the first Sunday of the month moving forward. So we will have this service with a focus on healing on Sunday, October 1, November 5, and December 3.

ORGAN UPDATE

Pipes for Praise Update: St. Peter's Pipes for Praise: Fundraising has received gifts as of August of \$269,270.95.

Pipes for Praise Committee: Karen Beggs, Peg Flood, Gayle Olson, Fay Sargent, and Pastor Christian

Planning and Construction Team (PACT) Update: "The architect is adding technical details to the plans, which were recently reviewed by the Planning and Construction Team (PACT). Once the final architectural drawings are received, the PACT will begin soliciting bids from the necessary contractors, construction, HVAC, electrical, AV, etc. The Team anticipates that construction will begin in January.

Submitted by Tony Esposito

NOTES AND LETTERS



Thank you, thank you and many more to everyone who helped to make Pastor Christian and Pastor Tiffany's farewell dinner a memorable evening. It was a beautiful tribute to them.

*With our thanks to all,
Karen Beggs & Jane Wordsworth*

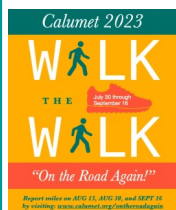
Master Calendar

If your committee or ministry team would like to meet at the church, please let Ministry Administrator Susan know. She'll get you on the master calendar and reserve a space for you.

We love to hear from you!

Send your updates to: ...
office@StPetersCapeCod.org or

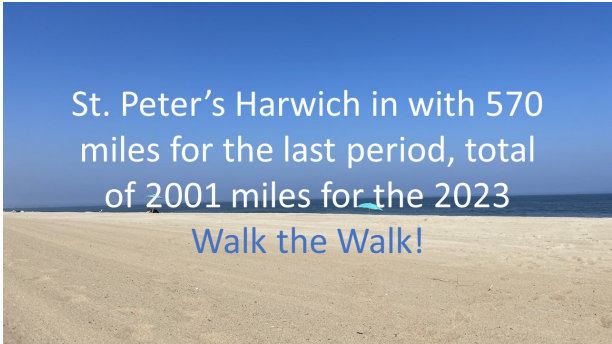
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Camp Calumet's *Walk the Walk 2023, On the Road Again*

Calumet's Walk the Walk 2023 campaign ended on September 15. This year's overall goal was ~110,000 miles to entice angel donors to make matching contributions to camp. According to Knute's update on 20 September, we had 750 walkers and mileage reporting was good. There is some estimation to complete, but his expectation is that the campaign will raise about \$25,000 for Calumet. St. Peter's did its part with ten people and two dogs faithfully walking and reporting. We had fun with it, motivating ourselves to be active, sometimes alone, sometimes with others. Well done!

Submitted by Chris Janson
cj01950@gmail.com



St. Peter's Harwich in with 570
miles for the last period, total
of 2001 miles for the 2023
Walk the Walk!

Dulcimer Petting Zoo!

Have you often thought you'd like to play a musical instrument but are "not musical"? Do you think it takes so long to learn how to play an instrument that it's not worth the effort? Have you ever heard of the Appalachian Mountain Dulcimer? Would you enjoy gathering once a month to have fun and make a little music together?

If so, please check out the Dulcimer Petting Zoo immediately after worship on October 1. I will bring the Anderson Fund "loaner" dulcimers, as well as my own for you to try out, and I can show you how quickly you can begin to play (one master dulcimer player said it's an instrument you can play in an afternoon and then spend a lifetime mastering).

After meeting the dulcimers and petting them, if you think you might be interested in a once-a-month dulcimer group, I will follow up with you and those who have already expressed an interest to find a mutually convenient time to start! The idea is that we would meet once a month but share the loaners so we can practice between gatherings. This is not about performance — it's about connection!

Questions? Already thinking about doing this? Please email MJ Pattison at :
mjpattison@gmail.com

Christian Education

Children's Sunday School

St. Peter's Children's Sunday School will resume November 5 and 19 following our 9:30 am service. We will meet in Fellowship Hall. See you for all the fun downstairs!

Mrs. Megan and Mrs. Judy



LOCAL GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

- Run by Broad Reach Hospice's bereavement coordinator, Rebecca Chesbro, this grief support group is open to anyone grieving the loss of a spouse. It meets twice a month, on Tuesdays at 2 pm on Oct. 3 and 17, in the Luther Room at St. Peter's.
- The Northside United Methodist Church, 701 Airline Road, Brewster, has a grief support group at their church for all who are experiencing some type of grief that meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 2 pm.

P.S.A.L.M.
People Sharing and Loving More

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Please mark your calendar for upcoming PSALM meetings and activities:

October 12: Business Meeting at 7:00 pm

November 9: Business Meeting at 7:00 pm

November 18: THE CRANBERRY FAIR at 9:00 am



As always, we desperately need homemade cookies and pies for the Cranberry Fair. Bakers- Thanks in advance for your help.



St. Peter's Ministries



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The St. Peter's Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Friday, October 6 and Friday, October 20 at 1:30 pm in the Luther Room. Now that we're beginning to enjoy some nice "knitting weather" please join us for some prayerful work and pleasant conversation. Yarn, patterns and needles are available if needed.

ESTHER CIRCLE

If anyone has wool sweaters which are no longer needed, please consider donating them to Marianne O'Boyle to be up cycled into mittens for the Cranberry Fair. These were quite popular last year! Thanks!



In looking toward the Cranberry Fair, we have scheduled jewelry sorting to complete working on jewelry in fellowship hall on the following dates: Thursday, Oct. 12 from 1 to 4 pm, Friday, Oct. 13 from 9:30 am to noon, and Monday, Oct. 16 from 1 to 4 pm. Please join us!



Sacred Sorrow

SACRED SORROW

"Grief is neither a problem to be solved nor a difficulty to be overcome. It is a sacred expression of love; a sacred sorrow."

St. Peter's ministry for bereaved parents plans to meet this month on a date to be determined as some of us will be at Calumet on the date that we would normally meet.

Please consider joining us if you have had the misfortune to lose a child. It doesn't matter the age or how long ago its been.

Although all experiences are unique, it really does help to be in the company of others who understand your journey. "You don't get over it, you just get through it. You don't get by it, because you can't get around it. It doesn't 'get better'; it just gets different. Everyday...Grief puts on a new face." Wendy Feireisen

For more information about the Prayer Shawl Ministry, Esther Circle, or Sacred Sorrow, please contact Marianne O'Boyle at 508-775-2757 or marianne@oboyle.net.



Food Pantry Update

Loaves and Fish Pantry

Our newer schedule, **as of August 28**, is as follows:

Monday: 1:00 - 3:00 pm **Tuesday:** 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Wednesday: 12:30 - 2:30 **Friday:** 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

The Loaves and Fishes pantry volunteers will be going “Above and Beyond” these next few months as they help our clients participate in a number of other programs sponsored by the Lower Cape Outreach Council. Not only will our volunteer teams be stocking the shelves and filling grocery bags to help feed well over 400 people, they will be helping families register for free winter coats, a turkey along with all the sides for a wonderful Turkey Dinner, and a chance to shop for Christmas gifts for their children at the Santa Stop. Last year we provided 35 children and adults with warm winter coats and sneakers provided through the LCOC with funding from Operation Warm, a national non-profit that has given away over 5 million coats over the past 25 years. This is one of the few programs giving away new coats to adults as well as children.

Our volunteers also helped provide all the food for 36 turkey dinners and gifts for 75 children and teenagers. We fully expect the numbers will be over double that this year considering the number of families we are now servicing here at St. Peter’s. There were 42 pantry visits in August, 2022 and then in August, 2023 we had 138 visits! Watch for more information and volunteer opportunities for the turkey distribution in the November Newsletter.

We received disappointing news last week at our Manger’s Meeting because the Greater Boston Food Bank is having to cut the number of pounds of food they deliver by 25%. We know that all of the pantries are experiencing an increase in the number of people using the pantries, but there is also a shortage of staff to load the trucks at the Boston warehouse. We have had to limit the number of groceries each family can get but, with your help, we are still providing many staple items to feed and support our families. Please keep sending in your donations, brown paper bags, egg cartons and coupons. Every little bit helps!

Ruth Brenneman
St. Peter’s Food Pantry Coordinator

Nauset Interfaith Association: A Faithful Response to Gun Violence

At a well-attended event sponsored by the Interfaith Justice Committee of the Federated Church of Orleans and Am HaYam Havurah – “A Community Conversation: Firearms Violence - How Safe Are We?” – panelists relayed sobering statistics: In 2023 so far, more than 25,000 men, women and children have been victims of gun deaths, and more than 14,000 were suicides. The Justice Committee believes that this reality far exceeds politics, and it is a matter for a response from communities of faith. During the program on August 6 (which is available to view on the church’s website or at https://youtube.com/live/N_oCQa0nZDw), three outstanding panelists spoke of measures undertaken to enhance safety in an era of gun violence, including legislative initiatives, local law enforcement, and mental health responses. Everyone attending was challenged to commit to some action to further community well-being. Now, the Board of Directors of Nauset Interfaith Association urges members of its congregations to consider contacting legislators in support of this proposed bill before the Massachusetts legislature:

HD4420 - An Act Modernizing Firearms. This is an omnibus bill, containing many features that would be vital additions to Massachusetts’ already sensible gun regulations - without infringing on Second Amendment rights. Note: As this bill progresses through the legislature, it may go through different versions and different numbering. However, advocating for “*all features currently found in HD4420*” will be clear to legislators. It would:

- Direct State Police to conduct inspections of gun dealers
- Tighten regulations concerning assault-style weapons
- Establish a committee on community-based gun violence intervention
- Criminalize ghost guns, requiring *all* firearms to be serialized
- Expand who can file red flag petitions (re a person in crisis)
- Establish a committee on new gun safety technologies (“smart guns,” etc.)

More details can be found at: **malegislature.gov**. Look under “Bills.”

Please consider taking this faithful action in response to gun violence: Urge our legislators to support this vital bill.

Senator Julian Cyr

617-722-1570

julian.cyr@masenate.gov

Representative Sarah Peake

617-722-2040

sarah.peake@mahouse.gov

Other legislator contact info can be found at:

malegislature.gov/search/findmylegislator.

Note: As this bill progresses through the legislature, it may go through different versions and different numbering. However, advocating for “*all features currently found in HD4420*” will be clear to legislators. The Interfaith Justice Committee would be glad to hear from those who take this step! For more information, contact Rod MacDonald (**rodmac.ret@gmail.com**) or Jeff Spalter (**jsspalter@aol.com**).

Through the Lens of Science with Doug...

Doug Kenney is a retired science teacher who lives at Regal Care of Harwich and joyfully shares a monthly newsletter article with us. Call him at 508 430-6309. October 2023

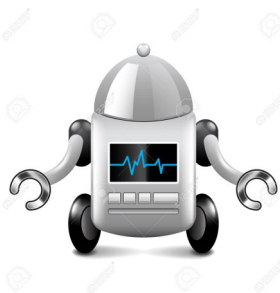
The Power of Intuition

One of God's greatest gifts was to bestow intuition so
So man could create the innovations we have today.

This column deals with innovations of energy we hope to create by the end of the twenty-first century. Man is already using his intuition to generate cheap electricity. A big plant in New Mexico is being built where scientists hope to fuse hydrogen into helium just like the sun does! Can you imagine a tiny sun on the Earth's surface? Currently, millions of solar mirror panels are being installed on roof tops all over the world. Both the US and Japan are building solar mirror satellites that will capture energy from the sun and then transmit it to the Earth twenty-four hours a day! Japan has lakes covered with solar mirrors that supply electricity to metropolitan areas.

Pipes are driven into the ground to tap geothermal energy in Iceland, and America hopes to do the same where hot magma is close to the ground. Tidal waterways are generating electricity on the Bay of Fundy near Nova Scotia. Numerous turbines are generating power with the flow of river water over dams, and many more are being built worldwide. Limited energy can be derived from windmills, but there's been controversy about the noise they make. There is, however, a windmill that can be placed way above your head; the US is developing a 'buoyant airborne turbine' suspended by a balloon that is filled with helium. Tethers would secure it to the ground providing a route for electricity to reach depots connected to transmitting towers.

With all of God's resources contained within and above the Earth, man's intuition will hopefully eliminate the use of fossil fuels to make ample supplies of worldwide heat and electricity by the year 3000.



October Birthdays and Anniversaries

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



1 Glenn Ritz
1 Nicole Gordon
3 Carolyn Overton
4 Kyle Bellis
8 Ed Larson
9 Christina Delp
11 Peter Delp
12 Tom Shields
17 John Candito
19 Amy Peterson
23 Kirsten Glaser
24 Tony Esposito
26 Melissa Clayton
28 Ginny Just
29 Lois Thomas
31 Ann Miller

Update
your information in
St. Peter's Directory!

If you have any changes or if we don't
have your birthday or anniversary listed,
please send to:

Office@StPetersCapeCod.org

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES



19 Peter & Christina Delp
20 John & Kathy Candito
27 Joseph & Ruth-Anne O'Gorman

Flowers are placed at the
altar to the glory of God
on a woman's 75th birthday.



If you know someone with this special
day coming up, please let us know.

HEALTHY TRANSITIONS
RESOURCES FOR HEALTHY TERMINATION OF CALL

Covenant for Congregations

It has been our privilege to support the mission and ministry of the Reverends Christian G. N. Holleck and Tiffany L. Nicely Holleck as Co-Pastors of Saint Peter's Lutheran Church of Cape Cod at 310 Route 137, Harwich, Massachusetts.

In prayerful conversation with Co-Pastors Christian and Tiffany Nicely Holleck, the Congregation Council, on behalf of the congregation, has discussed the Healthy Transitions policies and expectations of the New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and we enter into the following Covenant.

We agree:

- to pray for the ongoing mission of our congregation and for our rostered leadership;
- to respect the terms of the attached Covenant for Departing Ministers;
- to incorporate both Covenants in the minutes of a called Congregation Council meeting;
- to communicate to the congregation, in writing and conversation, the terms of the Covenant, which terminates this rostered relationship;
- to refrain from asking our former Co-Pastors to perform ministerial services, including baptisms, weddings, funerals, anniversaries, visiting the sick and homebound, etc., and to remind members to refrain from making similar requests of our departing Co-Pastors;
- to show respect and regard for our new pastor (temporary or successor) by supporting them in performing their duties as called, and to encourage parishioners to seek ministry services from our new pastor;
- to celebrate what will be as we honor what was.

It is understood that this Covenant does not affect or require termination of friendships with individuals who are members of this congregation.

Signature of President: Juliet Bousfield Date: 8/22/23

Witnessed by Co-Pastor: Tiffany Nicely Holleck Date: 8/22/23

Witnessed by Co-Pastor: Christian G. N. Holleck Date: 8/22/23

Describe how shared with congregation, including dates:

September and October newsletters, with hard copies available at the church in September.

**HEALTHY TRANSITIONS
RESOURCES FOR HEALTHY TERMINATION OF CALL**

Covenant for Departing Rostered Ministers (Not Retiring)

It has been my privilege to support the mission and ministry of Saint Peter's Lutheran Church of Cape Cod at 310 Route 137, Harwich, Massachusetts as Co-Pastor.

In prayerful conversation with the Congregation Council of Saint Peter's Lutheran Church of Cape Cod, I have discussed the Healthy Transitions policies and expectations of the New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and I enter into the following Covenant.

I agree:

- to pray for the ongoing mission of the congregation and for their new pastor;
- to respect the terms of the attached Covenant for Congregations;
- to communicate to the congregation, in writing and conversation, the terms of the Covenant, which terminates this ministry relationship;
- to not be involved in any leadership or advisory role (public or private) in this congregation and to refrain from behaviors that seek in any way to control the transition process, including any attempt to influence the choice of a successor;
- to refrain from language or behavior that could undermine the development of the relationship between the congregation and a new pastor (temporary or successor);
- to not support or give advice to anyone involved in a congregational disagreement;
- to refuse requests for ministerial services made by members of the congregation, including baptisms, weddings, funerals, anniversaries, visiting the sick and homebound, etc., except as invited by the current rostered minister(s), and to consult with the current rostered minister(s) regarding attendance at worship and special events;
- to encourage my spouse to support me in maintaining this Covenant and to support the ministry of the congregation's new rostered minister(s).

It is understood that this Covenant does not affect or require termination of friendships with individuals who are members of this congregation.

Signature of Co-Pastor: Christina G. N. Doherty Date: 8/22/23

Witnessed by President: Juliet Bongfeldt Date: 8/22/23

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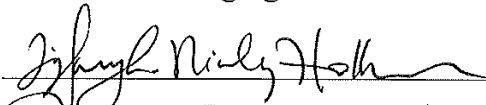
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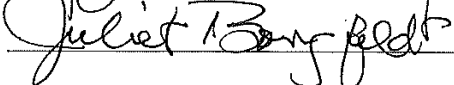
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I agree:

- to pray for the ongoing mission of the congregation and for their new pastor;
- to respect the terms of the attached Covenant for Congregations;
- to communicate to the congregation, in writing and conversation, the terms of the Covenant, which terminates this ministry relationship;
- to not be involved in any leadership or advisory role (public or private) in this congregation and to refrain from behaviors that seek in any way to control the transition process, including any attempt to influence the choice of a successor;
- to refrain from language or behavior that could undermine the development of the relationship between the congregation and a new pastor (temporary or successor);
- to not support or give advice to anyone involved in a congregational disagreement;
- to refuse requests for ministerial services made by members of the congregation, including baptisms, weddings, funerals, anniversaries, visiting the sick and homebound, etc., except as invited by the current rostered minister(s), and to consult with the current rostered minister(s) regarding attendance at worship and special events;
- to encourage my spouse to support me in maintaining this Covenant and to support the ministry of the congregation's new rostered minister(s).

It is understood that this Covenant does not affect or require termination of friendships with individuals who are members of this congregation.


Signature of Co-Pastor:  Date: 8/22/23

Witnessed by President:  Date: 8/22/23

Describe how shared with congregation, including dates:

September and October newsletters, with hard copies available at the church in September.

October 2023 at St. Peter's

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30a Worship Sanctuary 11:15a Healing Worship, Sanctuary	2 9a Monomoy Bridge FH 1p Loaves & Fish FP 5p Girl Scouts FH 6p Men's AWOL LR 7p Girl Scouts FH	3 8:10a Sojourners Pkg Lot 11a Staff Mtg CR 1p Monomoy Bridge FH 2p Broad Reach Grief Group LR 2p Bell Choir S 3p Choir S 3:30p Loaves & Fish FP	4 12:30p Loaves & Fish FP 1p Kathy's Bridge FH 1p Monomoy Bridge FH	5 10a Staff Support Meeting 3p Stewardship Team CR 7p Girl Scouts FH	6 Church office closed 10a Loaves & Fish FP 1p Monomoy Bridge FH 130p Prayer Shawl LR	7 9a Cape Cod Christian Academy Yard Sale, parking lot 4p SMMC Worship, Sanctuary
8 9:30a Worship Sanctuary	9 Columbus Day 9a Monomoy Bridge FH 1p CLOSED Loaves & Fish FP 1:30p JustPeace Meeting LR 6p Men's AWOL LR 7p Girl Scouts FH	10 8:10a Sojourners Pkg Lot 10a Centering Prayer S 11a Staff Mtg CR 12:30p Esther Circle LR 1p Monomoy Bridge FH 2p Council Officers CR 2p Bell Choir S 3p Choir S 3:30p Loaves & Fish FP 6:30p N.A.M.I. LR	11 12:30p Loaves & Fish FP 1p Kathy's Bridge FH 4p Y.O.H. Meeting LR 7p Girl Scouts FH	12 10:30a Pastoral Care LR & Z 7p PSALM Meeting LR 1pm Esther Jewelry Sorting FH	13 Church office closed 9:30a Esther's Circle Jewelry Sorting FH 10a Loaves & Fish FP 1p Monomoy Bridge FH	14 4p SMMC Worship, Sanctuary
15 Home Communion Sunday 9:30a Worship Sanctuary	16 9a Monomoy Bridge FH 1p Loaves & Fish FP 1p Esther's Circle Jewelry Sorting FH 4:30p Faith Family Kitchen 6p Men's AWOL LR 7p Girl Scouts FH	17 8:10a Sojourners Pkg Lot 11a Staff Mtg CR 1p Monomoy Bridge FH 1:30p Finance Com. CR 2p Broad Reach Grief Group LR 2p Bell Choir S 3p Choir S 3:30p Loaves & Fish FP 6p Council Meeting FH	18 12:30p Loaves & Fish FP 1p Kathy's Bridge FH 1p Monomoy Bridge FH	19 10a Cranberry Fair Workshop 1:30p Sacred Sorrow LR 7p Girl Scouts FH	20 Church office closed 10a Loaves & Fish FP 1p Monomoy Bridge FH 1:30p Prayer Shawl LR	21 4p SMMC Worship, Sanctuary
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29 9:30a Worship Sanctuary	30 9a Monomoy Bridge FH 1p Loaves & Fish FP 5p Girl Scouts FH 6p Men's AWOL LR 7p Girl Scouts FH	31 Halloween 8:10a Sojourners Pkg Lot 11a Staff Mtg CR 1p Monomoy Bridge FH 2p Bell Choir S 3p Choir S 3:30p Loaves & Fish FP			Room Guide: CR Conference Room DN Downstairs Narthex FH Fellowship Hall FP Food Pantry LR Luther Room N Narthex S Sanctuary Z Zoom	